

The Young Men's Democratic Club was organized at Jefferson City Thursday night. It is to be auxiliary to the State Democratic Committee, also to aid in each of the counties. The members of the executive committee from the Ninth Congressional District are J. L. McQuale of Montgomery City and F. A. Morris of Mexico.

Cordon Spire is to move from Wellsville to Mexico and will open a steam vulcanizing automobile tire shop here.

W. T. Dawson has sold his grocery store to Z. E. Utter of Pierce City, Mo. Mr. Utter is now here and has taken possession.

Mr. Frank Harshbarger and Miss Frances Sappington, both of this county, were granted marriage license Saturday.

The Bell Dramatic Club of Benton City will stage "Dora Thorne" next Saturday night at Martinsburg. A number of Mexico people will go down and hear the play.

Attorney W. H. Logan was here from Laddonia Friday.

The Baraca class at the Methodist Church has been reorganized with the following officers: J. B. Culbertson, president; Lee Duncan, vice-president; F. D. Addis, secretary; Lester Miller, treasurer; and Vance Morgan, sergeant. Mrs. J. E. Durkee is the teacher. The class is doing a fine work.

Judge J. J. Alexander of Laddonia was in Mexico on business Friday.

Mrs. J. W. Plunkett suffered a hard fall at her home Thursday night, sustaining a badly sprained ankle.

The base ball teams of Mexico, Centralia, Paris, Higbee and Columbia have formed a league and each team is to play 20 games this summer, 10 at home and 10 abroad. Each team is to play the entire season as agreed or must forfeit \$100.

Prof. Herbert Pryor was one of the judges in the High School debate Friday night at Centralia, between the Centralia and Montgomery City teams. Montgomery was the winner.

Mrs. T. J. Kelso is visiting at Hannibal and Monroe City.

Fred Detienne of Vandalia attended the Democratic love feast in Jefferson City Friday. Judge W. W. Fry, Jr., of this city also attended.

John W. Freeman is home from a visit to friends at Santa Anna, Cal.

Miss Lucile Howell entertained Thursday for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ethan Howell, of Hardin, Mont. The guests were old schoolmates of Mrs. Howell when the latter was Miss Sallie Blythe of this city. A delightful repast was served.

Dr. and Mrs. P. E. Coll entertained for dinner Friday Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Cullen, Mrs. Barbara Coll and Mrs. B. G. Reavis and two daughters.

E. E. Lewis, out northeast of Laddonia, was in Mexico on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Vandegrift lost a beautiful and promising daughter a few years ago. She was a member of the class in the Methodist Sunday school taught by Miss Emma McPheters. Mr. and Mrs. Vandegrift are in the habit of giving to this class on the anniversary of the birth of this daughter all the pennies they have saved during the year.

Mrs. Anabelle Arnold Moss, formerly of this city, has gotten into the papers as the champion golf player on the Pacific coast.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holterman have moved from Mexico to McLean, Ill., and direct the Message to follow them.

J. H. Rudasill sold J. W. Brewer a span of mules for \$350.

Palmer Yelton of near Martinsburg has invested in a power breaking plow.

The High School luncheon Thursday was another highly enjoyable event for a large number of patrons of the school. Rev. Shulenberg, W. W. Pollock, Rella McIntyre, Judge C. C. Bledsoe, C. A. Witherpoon, E. W. Rusk and Dr. P. E. Coll were among those who made speeches complimentary of the work done in the school.

Mrs. Clara Snidow returned recently from a pleasant visit with her daughters who are teaching at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

MR. COONS DEAD.

Former Candidate for County Collector, Passes Away.

W. H. Coons, 60 years old, died at his home in this city Thursday night from failing health and heart trouble. Funeral was held at the home Saturday conducted by Rev. W. A. Shulenberg, burial in Elmwood with honors of the Elks.

Mr. Coons was a native of Callaway county. Born near Hatton Nov. 23, 1854. His wife was Miss Grace Parker of Minneapolis, Kansas. She and two children, Voorheis and Isabel, survived.

For a number of years Mr. Coons was a traveling man, sold clothing, but for the past year was connected with his son in managing the Palace of Sweets. He had many friends who mourn his death. The pallbearers at the funeral were: J. C. King, Ross Cauthorn, Roy Ferris, E. S. Wilson and F. P. Van Ness.

JESSE DISTRICT.

(Written by the A. Class at Jesse School, Mrs. McKeehan, teacher.)

Miss Mattie Gray, a nurse in the Christian Hospital at St. Louis, is visiting Virginia Strange in Mexico.

Our young bachelor friend, Ray Griffin, is progressing nicely in his new home near our school, but we think he needs a helpmate.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tarrants have gone to housekeeping on a farm near Skinner.

Cecil Shire and sister, Miss Lizzie, and Misses Virginia and Mary Strange and Mattie Gray visited Jesse School Friday afternoon.

Miss Virginia Strange, bookkeeper for Christian Hospital, St. Louis, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Strange.

Miss Nora Belle McDonald visited in Auxvasse Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mike Shire, our leading poultry raiser, has about a thousand little chickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chadwick have moved to Mexico.

Someone visited Mr. McDonald's smoke house recently and carried off his meat.

Feb., 21, Clay Davis visited Cecil Shire, his friend, northeast of Jesse school. Miss Lizzie Shire entertained Gladys Jung and Janie Mayes.

Mr. Halslip from south of Mexico moved onto the Weatherford place Thursday.

W. B. Wilkerson is feeding 41 head of cattle.

Mr. Joseph Weaver and Miss Florence Sharp, both of near Santa Fe, were married in Mexico Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Beamer, Rev. W. A. Shulenberg officiating. A highly respected young couple, and the Message joins with their many friends in extending them congratulations and best wishes.

In All The World No Trip Like This

It's almost a man's duty as an educational process, to take his family, while the railroad fares to California have been cut in two and visit the great Expositions at San Francisco and San Diego; seeing on the way out the marvelous Mountain Scenery of Colorado—Denver, Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak, Pueblo, the stupendous and world-famous Royal Gorge and Salt Lake City. Then you should return by way of the North Pacific Coast and see either Glacier or Yellowstone National Park. You will never have the same opportunity and if you use the through pullman service of the Burlington Route (C. B. & Q. R. R.) or join one of those comfortable, economical and care-free Personally Conducted Excursions, you can see the wonders of Colorado without extra cost, for you will pass all those most interesting points by daylight. Don't forget that.

Here's the idea! Sit right down and write or come in and tell me how many expect to make the trip, just when you want to go, the points you want to visit, how long you expect to stay, and I will plan a trip especially fitted to your time and needs—then you will know all about it. If you decide to go, I will make arrangements for your complete trip when the time comes for you to start. Do it today—before you forget it.

T. L. Marshal,
Ticket Agent, C. B. & Q. R. R.

FROM ARIZONA.

Mrs. Godman, Formerly of Rush Hill, Writes the Message an Interesting Letter.

Sonoita, Arizona, March 17.—Mr. Editor and Dear Friends: I now live in the southern part of Arizona, it being about the middle of Santa Cruz county. It is also the best part of Arizona. Some call it "The Garden Spot of Arizona," and I believe it. I came from Northeast Missouri, and I like it here much better. Here we have in general, short, warm winters with plenty of rain, early spring, and dry, warm summer and late fall. The nights warm. The grass comes early but dries up during the dry season, which is during April, May and June but this year we have had so much rain I believe it will stay green till the rainy season. Since last July we have had about 30 inches of rain. That ought to grow most anything. In this valley where I live the principal crops are beans, corn, milo maize, fetareta, and cane. Squashes are raised for fattening hogs, and they are also good for milk cows and pigs.

What the farmers are trying to get now are silos. Of course we are all new comers and it will take time for everything. Some farmers have good wells and others are drilling for water. They find nice, cool, clear, water running along among the rocks.

The mountains are not far from where we live, where hunters go during the hunting season. In those mountains there are found deer, bear, bob cats, lions, wolves, foxes, coyotes, and many smaller animals. Some of them are very vicious, and then some are good for food. Birds, such as the quail and dove, are not numerous. The rabbits are nearly all killed out. The hawks and other larger animals have eaten them. We are trying to kill off the useless ones and leave the useful ones.

Hogs and cattle, I believe, are good money making animals. We have 5 baby hogs and the mother for a start. Most all good garden truck can be raised. I am going to raise peanuts and popcorn to chew on next winter. Water-melons grow here too. Fruit grows successfully.

We have a nice Sunday school and a good day school. We have nice neighbors. The people are all nice and accommodating. Well, I could write a week and then not tell half of the good things. All come and see for yourselves. Give my best regards to all of my Audrain friends.

EMMA MAY BARNEY.

W. T. CROSS.

Former Mexico Boy, Now U. S. Official, Compliments Our New Lynotype.

National Conference of Charities and Corrections, Chicago, Ill. March 20, 1915.—Dear Mr. Beal: Am pleased with the new dress of the Message. Two points less on the font make one point more in favor of the paper: more news for the dollar.

W. T. CROSS.

MARTINSBURG ITEMS.

R. W. Taylor and wife and A. B. Cluster and Miss Josephine Jacobi motored to Perry Tuesday.

Miss Mayme Pihale and Mrs. D. L. Blanchfield were shopping in Mexico Wednesday.

Mrs. Linnie Weaver was a passenger to Mexico Wednesday.

John Bunch returned home from a business trip to St. Louis Wednesday.

Mrs. Lee Brown and Mrs. Stowers visited friends and relatives in Mexico Wednesday.

R. W. Taylor was a business visitor in Mexico Wednesday.

Mrs. C. T. Peyton and Miss Ruth visited friends in Wellsville.

Divens Chapman, R. W. Taylor, Geo. Weaver, Frank Pashang and J. J. Pihale motored to Perry this week.

J. B. Holterman has been on the sick list the past week.

Miss Mayme Verhoff spent the week end with her sisters in Mexico.

Mrs. Gottlieb Jacobi is quite ill with pneumonia.

W. W. Bollot of Mexico was a guest at the Bunch home several days this week.

Misses Sallie Glenn and Vera Friedman were shopping in Mexico Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Devault visited the week end with Mrs. Etta Hughes in Mexico.

Bartley Arvin of Benton City visited friends here Sunday.

Emil Schaefer spent Sunday with friends in Benton City.

James Scott, Jr., Frank Bertels, and Divens Chapman were callers in Wellsville Sunday.

J. E. Wilson was in Mexico on business Saturday.

L. E. Stephens was on the sick list a few days this week.

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FROM FLORIDA.

George Kabrich and F. M. Loveless of Mexico, on a Jaunt.

Jacksonville, Florida, March 12, 15. I am still in Florida. Mr. Loveless and I took a trip out to the Ostrich and alligator farm. They say they have 200 ostriches and about as many alligators,—which Mr. Loveless has no use for. They have a Zoo with all kinds of animals and any amount of devices to get the Northern tourists money. They ride and drive the ostriches which go under the lash as fast as a horse. A large aeroplane on the St. Johns River did run by the Grove. It was the last to perform but after running a mile on top of the water it went dead and did not rise as was intended.

The next day Mr. Loveless and I went down to the St. Johns River, which is 30 feet deep. We stopped at a large orange grove, full of three kinds, the white blossoms and the green and ripe orange all on the same tree. They were very full of bloom. We filled our pockets with the sweetest oranges, then sailed home.

One thing I have found out about Florida this winter is that in ten years from now the State will have more tropical garden truck than she can dispose of, as she now has more than can be sold. Both kinds are rotting and going to waste, they sell at half price, can't ship, freight charges too high. In ten years there will be three times as many orange trees and five or ten acre gardens instead of one and two acres as now. There are hundreds of fruit stands in Jacksonville and at half price still any amount of fruit is rotting.

The next day we thought we would go fishing. Got our tickets, thirty miles there and thirty miles back; 60 miles to go fishing for one day. Boarding the car we went to Pable Beach, then to Atlantic Beach, both great bathing ports and lots of young ladies from Jacksonville in bathing. We passed on to May Port, where we hired a gasoline launch and traveled down St. Johns River to the ocean where we stopped to fish. We caught some fine fellows. They told us that about the first of May they put out their nets and each morning they would get 50, 75 or a hundred pounds of shad, bass and trout. Take them to Jacksonville and sell at 12 cents to 15 cents per pound, so you see they make money. On our trip we did not admire the country. About every mile we would pass a large cypress swamp filled with frogs and alligators. The balance of the way was turpentine trees and white sand.

We were invited by arich widow who is boarding here with us at my niece's, to go to Ortega, about six miles from here, a suburb of Jacksonville, where she bought a fine cottage. She wished to give a houseparty to several gentlemen and ladies, when she served ice cream and cake. The cream was frozen in the house in three minutes by a new patented ice cream freezer. The cream and cake were splendid. I think I had three or four dishes. Then we had a social chat for an hour or two. Then all got aboard the street car for Jacksonville. We all had a splendid and enjoyable time. We are thinking of going, in a few days, to the head of St. Johns River, across St. George lake to see the beautiful scenery and the hills of the valley and the fine plumed birds, and hear the mocking bird sing, then on to the great Okechobee lake, the largest in the State. There two great

ditches, one running to Fort Myers the other near Palm Beach. They have lowered the lake seven inches and that lowers the Everglades several inches. This dry mud is black but when dry it cracks open and some think it will burn up all the soil if fire gets out. Some of the everglades will never get afire from the fact it will never all be drained out dry enough to burn.

From these everglades we cross over marshy swamps and lowlands and pass the Indian Seminole and their huts, and thru the tough woods and steer a course to the east to strike the Atlantic Ocean, where we reach Palm Beach. East Palm Beach lies between Lake Worth and the Atlantic, where millions have been spent and is now a paradise on earth. The climate here is greatly influenced and tempered both in winter and summer, by the Gulf Stream, which passes close. Tropical plants and trees from every clime and all parts of the world are gathered here, walks bordered with cocoanut, palm, ubiscus and oleanders and thousands of other flowers. Excellent bathing and fishing the year around here. There is an iron pier built out in the ocean for fishing. Here are all kinds of game and fish. From here we go to Fort Pierce. This a large city now a railroad town and eating station and great fishing port. Next stop is Litesville, at the mouth of the Indian River, which is six miles wide at the ocean and the largest ships come here for the oranges. From here we go to Cocoa, thence to Knockledge and to New Smyrna. This place was named for Dr. Turnbull in 1765. From here we go to Daytona on the beach, quite a city and great fishing and hunting place. A number of Northern people stop here. Good fishing and no better bathing place can be found.

Then on to Sea Breeze. This also is on the Atlantic Ocean and is great for fishing. A great many tourists winter here. Now we go to Old Augustine. The narrowest streets in this country and the most sought after city in the South. No one comes to Florida but who must go to St. Augustine. If they come back to Jacksonville it is but 38 miles and costs but \$2.50 for the round trip. From here we go to Jacksonville, the key to the South and to Cuba and to the Old World.

This morning Mr. Loveless went to our boatlanding where there were hundreds of boats filled with all kinds of fish, oysters, clams and garden truck to throw at the birds. My niece bought 100 oranges for 50 cents and grape fruit for 20 cents a dozen. Garden truck is very cheap. Apples very high. The apples come from South Missouri and New York; none raised here. Peach, plum and pairs are now in full bloom here. We go to church a great deal. The Methodists have a great revival. All go from our flat. Each afternoon we go to the park to hear the band concert, an extra Italian band, paid by the City for the benefit of the northern tourist. Thousands, both men and women, attend. Chairs for all around the band stand.

I will have to stop this rambling letter or your readers will get tired. Your friend, G. KABRICH.

J. C. Berry, west of Auxvasse, says the Review, will receive \$7.50 for every hundred pounds of lambs he brings in to E. E. Kennon after the first of July. Mr. Berry has also engaged his wool to J. W. Bailly, of Concord at 25 cents a pound. Mr. Berry has only 28 ewes and says this Saturday afternoon was the owner of 33 "frisky little fellows with four more ewes yet to produce.

THE SHAMROCK.

Mr. Hugh Donnelly Tells The Message of Its History.

There was a time when we could not wear green in Ireland. England treated us badly, persecuted us for wearing it. England may some day give us a chance to be something. Some day I think we'll have a good government there. They won't give us anything till this war is over and no telling what kind of a home rule that will be. I'm sympathetic with the Germans. I like English people but I don't like their government. They've treated us badly. The laws they make for us are almost unbearable.

Why do we love the shamrock? One day St. Patrick was trying to explain the Trinity and he picked up a shamrock. Its three leaves on the one stem made it plainer to them.

I came to this country when I was sixteen years old but I remember enough about Ireland to honor St. Patrick, the missionary who converted the island. I have no relations there now. My father and his entire family came here and here I expect to stay but I hope for those in Ireland now that good times may come for them.

Miss Bertha Mundy of Molino has been visiting relatives and friends in Mexico.

WANT ITEMS.

For Sale.—Cane seed. Philip Shire, Mexico, Mo. 4t

FOR SALE.—A GOOD MARE. See Everett McDonald, Mexico, Mo., rfd 3 2t

For Sale.—Full-blood S. C. Buff Orpington cockerels and eggs for setting. Prices reasonable. J. D. Greer, Mexico, Mo. 4t
Old papers for sale at Message office.

FOR SALE

Work mule, 16 hands high, three-year-old this spring. Address W. W. Cornett, Laddonia, Mo. 2t

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Isaac N. Williams, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of Audrain County, Missouri, bearing date of the 13th day of February, 1915. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be forever precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

C. H. EARLY, Administrator.
February 18, 1915.

Executors' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of P. S. Underwood, late of Audrain County, Mo., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the Probate Court of said Audrain County, bearing date of the 23d of February, 1915. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after date of said letters, or they may be precluded from benefits of said estate; and if such claims are not exhibited within one year from the time of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

ELMER UNDERWOOD,
T. B. UNDERWOOD,
Executors.